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The following officials of the Peiping Soviet Citizens' Association were voted into office at the annual meeting held 19 April 1948:

Executive Committee:

Brunnert, I. 5. Vinegloss, P. I. chairman and secretary

vice-chairman

Blinov, E. S. Varlamova, T. K. Laletin, N. F.

Vinogradsky, D. G. Shikina, K. P. Rozanova, A. A.

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members

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Alternates (candidates):

Kalachev, B. V.

Fedorov, G. I. second secretary

Yakovleva, V. A.

Revision Commission:

Bondarenko, K. I.

Korostovets, F. I.

Uspensky, M. A.

chairman

Alternates (candidates):

Yakovlev, K. L. Kvitko, M. A.

2. On 23 May, Brunnert, newly elected chairman of the Soviet Citizens' Association, submitted his resignation because of "ill health." Actually Brunnert's resignation resulted from an order from Moscow to remove Brunnert because he was a dangerous man who had undermined the policies of the USSR in China. Gavrosky (full name unknown), of the Winistry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow, upon learning of Brunnert's election, recognized Brunnert as one of several Hussians who had translated documents for the Chinese, the documents being those seized by the Chinese in a raid upon the Soviet Embassy in Peiping. Information this

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revealed resulted in Gavrosky's arrest and imprisonment by the Chinese. Although the Soviet Consulate has tried to maintain secrecy in this matter, word has leaked out and many former emigres now fear that their own past records might be exposed.

- 3. Fedorov was removed on 5 June 1948 after he had admitted previous membership in the Russian Fascist Party. The Soviet Consulate appointed Alfons Romancysky as secretary.
- 4. In the annual election of the Soviet Homen's association, Mrs. Mamayeva (full name unknown) was elected president.
- 5. The Soviet Youth Department (Yunotdel,) is under the direction of N. Seleznev. Special propaganda groups of girls were organized as of 8 March 1948 under the unofficial guidance of Mrs. Markova (full name unknown), who arrived from the USSR in the latter part of 1947. The functions and duties of these groups are: (1) to carry out pro-communist propaganda among Chinese youth and to propose the organization of a "Society of Soviet-Chinese Friendship" sponsored by the Soviet Club and VOKS, and (2) to re-awaken Soviet interests in those members whose indifference was evidenced during the March re-registration of Soviet citizens. From a report submitted to the general association meeting, it was made evident that the propaganda work of the young men of the Soviet community in Peiping was unsatisfactory because of their "Americanization" and indifference to things Soviet that has developed during their stay in China. Genadi Levin (Sam Levin), one of the most active of the youth group, was credited with being the only one to show signs of engaging in pro-Soviet activity. The year's activities of the youth department included 32 meetings, 23 lectures, the production of six wall-newspapers, and participation in ten plays.
- 6. Professor Gurevich, of Tientsin, is in charge of all political lectures for the Soviet Citizens' Association. Brunnert, prior to his "resignation", and Genadi Levin are in charge of the seminar lectures on the political geography of the USSR, the economy of the USSR, the fourth Five Year Plan, the constitution of the USSR and the history of the VKP (b).
- 7. The library of the Soviet community is presently undergoing a thorough examination by Vice Consul Seryogin assisted by A. G. Vinogradsky and Pokosov (full name unknown). Of the 3225 books being examined and sorted, those which are not truly Soviet and Communist ideology are being destroyed.

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